



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2013 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 25, 2013**  
**Schedule 11**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 8 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 7.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 25, 2013**

### **HB 337 Delegate S. Robinson, et al**

#### **NATURAL GAS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in the hydraulic fracturing of a well for the exploration or production of natural gas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EN, § 14-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

### **HB 338 Delegate Clippinger, et al**

#### **CRIMINAL LAW – ROBBERY – CHARGING DOCUMENT**

Increasing the minimum value of property or service specified in a charging document for robbery from \$500 to \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CR, § 3-404 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 339 Delegate McIntosh, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES – REQUIRED USE OF PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR**

Expanding the requirement that specified bicycle operators or passengers wear specified protective headgear to apply to all persons; and clarifying that the Act does not apply to a rider or passenger on a moped.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

TR, § 21-1207.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 340 Delegate Hogan, et al****RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY SALES – PROPERTY TAX DISCLAIMER**

Requiring a specified form developed by the State Real Estate Commission in connection with the sale of residential real property to include a specified statement about the possibility of significant differences in the property tax bill previously paid by the seller of the property and the property tax bill of the buyer of the property.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

RP, § 10-702(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 341 Delegate S. Robinson, et al****ENVIRONMENT – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING WASTEWATER – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a person from storing, treating, discharging, or disposing of, in the State, wastewater resulting from hydraulic fracturing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EN, § 9-293 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 342 Delegate Hucker, et al****HOMEOWNER'S OR RENTER'S INSURANCE AND PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – BUNDLING REQUIREMENT – PROHIBITED**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to homeowner's insurance or renter's insurance, from denying, refusing to renew, or canceling coverage solely because the applicant or policyholder does not carry private passenger motor vehicle insurance with the insurer; prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from denying, refusing to renew, or canceling coverage solely because the applicant or policyholder does not carry homeowner's insurance or renter's insurance with the insurer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

IN, § 27-501(r) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 343 Delegate Impallaria****HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS OF SALE FOR CLASS B LICENSEES**

Altering the hours of sale for a Class B Cafe licensee in Harford County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 2B, § 11-513 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 344 Delegate Impallaria****HARFORD COUNTY – CHARITABLE GAMING**

Creating in Harford County a permit to be issued by the Sheriff of Harford County that authorizes specified nonprofit organizations to conduct a gaming contest; specifying requirements that organizations must meet to be issued a permit; limiting to four the number of gaming contests an organization may hold in a year; stating the location and hours for conducting a gaming contest; specifying that the maximum bet a single individual may place on a game is \$10; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

CR, § 13-1512 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 345 Delegate Impallaria****HARFORD COUNTY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD – RESERVE ACCOUNT**

Establishing a Reserve Account of the Harford County Liquor Control Board as a special, nonlapsing account; specifying the purpose of the Reserve Account; requiring the Board to hold the Account separately and account for the Reserve Account; specifying the contents of the Reserve Account; specifying a maximum amount that is payable annually into the Reserve Account; requiring that fines imposed or recognizances forfeited for specified violations be payable to the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

Art. 2B, §§ 10-204(n) and 16-502(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 346 Delegates Impallaria and McDonough****HARFORD COUNTY – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ BILL OF RIGHTS**

Adding Harford County to the provisions of law relating to the Cecil County, Garrett County, and St. Mary’s County Correctional Officers’ Bill of Rights; providing that specified provisions of law relating to hearing board procedures and the finality of specified hearing board decisions do not apply in Harford County; and defining terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CS, §§ 11-1001, 11-1002, 11-1008, and 11-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 347 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)****PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – FIRM PERMITS**

Requiring a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company on or after October 1, 2015, to hold a permit issued by the State Board for Professional Engineers before operating a business through which engineering is practiced, with a specified exception; establishing qualifications, application requirements, and fees for the firm permit to practice engineering; establishing the scope of the engineering firm permit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BOP, §§ 14-101 and 14-401 - amended and §§ 14-402 through 14-415, 14-501.1, and 14-502.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 348**     **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS – APPLICATION FOR REFUND OR ADJUSTMENT

Extending the time period during which an employer may apply to the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation for an adjustment to unemployment insurance contributions due or a refund of unemployment contributions or interest paid.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

LE, § 8-638 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 349**     **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

BUSINESS REGULATION – CEMETERIES – PROHIBITED ACTS AND PENALTIES

Altering the penalties for violations of provisions of law relating to perpetual care trusts, preneed trusts, and the operation of a cemetery, crematory, or burial goods business; providing that a person who willfully misappropriates or intentionally and fraudulently converts perpetual care trust funds or preneed trust funds in excess of a specified amount is guilty of a felony and subject to a specified penalty; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

BR, §§ 5-609, 5-712, and 5-904 - amended and § 5-610 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 350**     **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**

**BUSINESS REGULATION – OUTDOOR MUSICAL FESTIVAL  
PROMOTER LICENSE – REPEAL OF SAFETY PERMIT  
REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that an applicant for a promoter license to act as a promoter of outdoor musical festivals obtain a specified safety permit from the Secretary of State Police; requiring a specified approval by a local law enforcement unit of an applicant for a promoter license to be based on specified safety– and security–related criteria; and repealing the authority of the Department of State Police to charge an applicant for a promoter license a specified fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BR, § 17-1404 - amended and § 17-1406 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 351**     **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION – AMATEUR MIXED MARTIAL  
ARTS AND AMATEUR KICK BOXING – LICENSING AND  
REGULATION**

Authorizing the State Athletic Commission to license and regulate amateur mixed martial arts and amateur kick boxing; expanding the scope of drug testing for specified contestants; repealing specified mandatory sanctions for specified contestants who refuse to submit to specified tests or test positive for the presence of specified drugs; requiring specified contestants to submit to a specified blood test under specified circumstances; defining terms; making technical changes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

BR, §§ 4-101, 4-301, 4-302, 4-303, 4-304.1, 4-305, 4-308, 4-310, 4-314, 4-315, 4-316, and 4-320 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 352**     **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

STATE BOARD OF HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR-CONDITIONING,  
AND REFRIGERATION CONTRACTORS – CIVIL PENALTIES –  
CITATION AUTHORITY

Clarifying the authority of the State Board of Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors to impose a specified civil penalty on a person, whether or not the person is licensed by the Board; authorizing an investigator employed by the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to issue a specified civil citation on behalf of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BR, § 9A-505 - amended and § 9A-505.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 353**     **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND  
SURVEYORS – LICENSING – EXAMINATIONS

Altering specified notice, review, and reexamination procedures for applicants who fail specified examinations relating to the licensing of professional engineers and professional land surveyors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

BOP, §§ 14-308(a) through (c), 14-309, 15-305, 15-307, 15-308, and 15-309 - amended and §§ 14-101(c) and 15-101(c) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 354     Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – RECOVERY OF BENEFITS – MONETARY PENALTY FOR FRAUD**

Authorizing the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation to recover from a claimant a specified monetary penalty under specified circumstances; altering the amount of interest the Secretary may recover under specified circumstances; specifying how specified funds recovered by the Secretary are to be applied; requiring a person who violates a specified provision of law to pay a specified monetary penalty; excluding specified monetary penalties from the amount that can be recovered by the Secretary through a specified method; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

LE, §§ 8-404, 8-809, and 8-1305 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 355     Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)**

**STATE BOARD OF STATIONARY ENGINEERS – QUALIFICATIONS FOR STATIONARY ENGINEER’S EXAMINATION – GRADE 1 AND GRADE 2**

Correcting the qualifications for the Grade 1 and Grade 2 stationary engineer’s examinations to reference a licensed master restricted heating, ventilation, air–conditioning, or refrigeration contractor.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

BOP, § 6.5-303(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 356     Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans Affairs)**

**MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERAN–OWNED SMALL BUSINESS NO–INTEREST LOAN PROGRAM**

Altering the name of the Military Personnel and Service–Disabled Veterans No–Interest Loan Program to be the Military Personnel and Veteran–Owned Small Business No–Interest Loan Program; expanding the no–interest loan program to include all veteran–owned businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

EC, §§ 5-1001 through 5-1003 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters



**HB 357 Delegate Wood, et al****POTOMAC RIVER FISHERIES COMMISSION – INSPECTION TAX AND PENALTY**

Establishing a maximum oyster inspection tax that may be imposed by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission; requiring the Potomac River Fisheries Commission to use the proceeds of the oyster inspection tax for a specified purpose; increasing a maximum penalty for the violation of specified regulations; making the Act subject to a specified contingency; etc.

**CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

NR, § 4-306 Art. III § 9 and Art. V § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 358 Delegate Zucker, et al****MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2010 – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SANDY SPRING MUSEUM**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 to extend to June 1, 2014, the deadline for the Board of Trustees of the Sandy Spring Museum, Inc. to present evidence of a specified matching fund and to encumber funds for a specified grant; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013**

Chapter 483 of the Acts of 2010, § 1(3) Item ZA02(AX), as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 359 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)****MILITIA – MARYLAND DEFENSE FORCE – ENLISTMENT PERIOD**

Altering the enlistment period for the Maryland Defense Force from 2 years to a period determined by the commanding officer based on the specialty of the recruit and the needs of the militia.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013**

PS, § 13-504 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 360**     **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – REPEAL OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS OF LAW**

Repealing provisions of law that authorize health maintenance organizations to offer a benefit package that provides specified limited benefits; repealing provisions of law that authorize a specified group health insurance policy to provide for the continuation of specified benefit provisions after the death of a specified individual; repealing provisions of law that require a succeeding insurer to provide specified information to an employer before entering into a specified group contract; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014

HG, § 19-703 - amended and IN, §§ 15-410, 15-415, 15-504, 15-507, and 15-1101 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 361**     **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)**

**HEALTH INSURANCE – CONFORMITY WITH FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

Establishing fees for an initial SHOP Exchange navigator license, a license renewal, and a license reinstatement; requiring carriers in the small group insurance market and individual insurance market to establish specified open enrollment periods; requiring specified health benefit plans to include a specified grace period provision; repealing specified disclosure requirements for out-of-state association contracts; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

IN, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and Chapter 347 of the Acts of 2005, § 4, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 362**     **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Ethics Commission, State)**

**PUBLIC ETHICS – DEFINITION OF “INTEREST” – MUTUAL FUNDS**

Altering the definition of “interest” in the Maryland Public Ethics Law to exclude specified mutual funds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 15-102(t) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 363 Delegate Hough, et al****TAX INCREASES – MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require the approval of two-thirds of the members elected to each House of the General Assembly to pass legislation to increase the rate of an existing tax or to impose a tax on an individual or entity not subject to the tax at the time of consideration of the legislation; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 28A - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 364 Delegates Hucker and Feldman****SWIMMING POOLS – AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAMS (CONNOR’S LAW)**

Requiring each county or municipality that owns or operates a swimming pool to develop and implement a specified automated external defibrillator program that meets specified requirements for specified swimming pools; requiring the owners and operators of specified swimming pools to develop and implement a specified automated external defibrillator program that meets specified requirements; requiring specified State agencies jointly to adopt regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

Art. 24, § 22-101 and HG, § 13-2401 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 365 Delegate Glass****HARFORD COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE**

Establishing for archery hunters in Harford County a 100-yard safety zone within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 366 Delegate Glass, et al****ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE**

Establishing for archery hunters a 50–yard safety zone within which archery hunting may not take place except under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 367 Delegates Glass and Dwyer****HUNTING – DEER FIREARMS SEASON – JANUARY DAYS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in the deer firearms season a minimum of 3 days in January for the hunting of antlerless deer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

NR, § 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 368 Delegate Glass, et al****BOW HUNTING – POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS FOR PROTECTION**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from restricting licensed bow hunters who are at least 21 years old from carrying a handgun for personal protection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

NR, § 10-408 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 369 Delegate Glass, et al****HUNTING – DEER MUZZLE LOADER SEASON – JANUARY DAYS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in the deer muzzle loader season a minimum of 3 days in January for the hunting of both antlered and antlerless deer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

NR, § 10-420 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 370 Delegate Costa****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF**

Altering a specified definition of “public safety employee” to include Anne Arundel County deputy sheriffs for purposes of establishing eligibility for enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for a permanent partial disability award for less than a specified number of weeks; and applying the Act prospectively.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

LE, § 9-628 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 371 Delegate Glass, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – CAT AND DOG ADOPTION**

Allowing an individual who adopts a cat or dog from an animal shelter or a rescue facility a maximum credit of \$100 against the State income tax; providing that an individual may not claim the credit for more than 1 taxable year with respect to the same cat or dog; requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-733 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 372 Delegate Barve, et al****RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – TRANSFER OF PROPERTY BETWEEN RELATED ENTITIES – EXEMPTION**

Exempting from the recordation tax and the State transfer tax the transfer of real property between a parent business entity and its wholly owned subsidiary or between subsidiaries wholly owned by the same parent business entity under specified circumstances; and applying the Act to instruments of writing recorded on or after July 1, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TP, §§ 12-108(p) and 13-207(a)(9) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 373 Delegates Haddaway–Riccio and Eckardt****HOSPITALS – OUTPATIENT SERVICES – OFF–SITE FACILITY – RATE REGULATION**

Altering the hospital outpatient services for which the Maryland Medical Assistance Program must pay according to specified rates, under specified circumstances; altering the date by which a hospital must notify the Health Services Cost Review Commission that the hospital would like specified services to be subject to specified provisions of law; altering the hospital outpatient services for which a hospital may elect to be subject to specified provisions of law; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

HG, § 15-105(d) and Chapter 670 of the Acts of 1999, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 374 Delegate Malone, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION PLATES FOR MOTORCYCLES – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

Authorizing an individual to possess a specified number of special registration plates for individuals with disabilities for specified motorcycles in addition to the special registration plate and parking placards authorized under specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TR, §§ 13-616(c) and 13-616.1(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 375 Delegates McIntosh and Hucker****REGULATED FIREARMS – DATABASE – APPLICATIONS FOR DEALER’S LICENSE – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police or the Secretary’s designee to disapprove an application for a State–regulated firearms dealer’s license if the Secretary or designee determines that the applicant intends a person who is not eligible to be issued a dealer’s license or whose dealer’s license has been revoked or suspended to participate or hold a specified interest in the management or operation of the business for which the license is sought; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PS, §§ 5-110(a), 5-114(a), and 5-115 - amended and § 5-144 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 376 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – CORRECTION OF ERRORS IN BENEFITS**

Altering the conditions under which the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System is required to correct an error that results in a retiree or beneficiary receiving a benefit that differs from the benefit the retiree or beneficiary is entitled to receive.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SP, § 21-113(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 377 Delegates Cluster and McDermott****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – COURT ORDER – LOCATION OF MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE**

Prohibiting a person from receiving location information transmitted by a mobile communications device from a common communications carrier without first obtaining a court order, with a specified exception; establishing procedures by which an investigative or law enforcement officer may make application for a court order or extension of an order authorizing or approving the receipt of real-time location information transmitted by a mobile communications device from a communications common carrier; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

CJ, §§ 10-4B-01 through 10-4B-04 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 378 Delegate Stocksdales****MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND – EASEMENT RESTRICTION – REIMBURSEMENT**

Authorizing the Comptroller to disburse money from the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund to reimburse a landowner for the release of an easement restriction under a specified circumstance, subject to the prior approval of the board of trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

AG, § 2-505(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 379 Delegate Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL EXPENSES – PAYMENTS AND DEDUCTIONS**

Repealing the requirement to reduce specified amounts the Governor is required to include in the budget bill for payment to the State Retirement and Pension System by the amount of administrative and operational expenses for the Board of Trustees and the State Retirement Agency paid by specified local employers; and repealing the authorization for specified local employers to deduct specified amounts from specified required employer contributions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SP, §§ 21-308(a) and 21-316 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 380 Delegate Barve, et al****INCOME TAX – JOINT RETURNS – MARRIED COUPLES**

Requiring, except under specified circumstances, a married couple who files a joint federal income tax return to file a joint Maryland income tax return; authorizing a married couple who does not file a joint federal income tax return to file a joint Maryland income tax return; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-807 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 381 Delegate Tarrant, et al****GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS – BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS AS PRIVATE CITIZENS – NOTICE**

Authorizing a member of the General Assembly who is self-employed, a consultant to a business entity doing business in the State, or an independent contractor who contracts with a business entity doing business in the State to include in a business communication a specified statement; and defining the term “business communication”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SG, § 2-109 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters



**HB 382 Delegate Niemann****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – CRIMINAL INJURIES  
COMPENSATION FUND – COURT COSTS**

Requiring the imposition of specified court costs if a defendant is sentenced to probation before judgment for or pleads nolo contendere to a specified crime or offense.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

CJ, § 7-409(b), (c), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 383 Delegate Niemann****GUN SHOPS – SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR REGULATED  
FIREARMS**

Requiring an applicant for a State regulated firearms dealer's license to provide evidence satisfactory to the Secretary of State Police that the applicant's proposed place of business has specified security features; requiring a licensee to take specified security measures during nonbusiness hours and when the structure is not occupied; reducing from 30 days to 7 days the threshold amount of time spent in a specified medical institution that requires the Secretary to revoke a dealer's license under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

PS, § 5-109.1 - added and § 5-114 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 384 Delegate Niemann****ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – RETURNS AND PENALTIES**

Increasing penalties for willful failure to file an admissions and amusement tax return under specified circumstances; increasing penalties for willfully making a false statement or misleading omission on specified admissions and amusement tax returns; increasing penalties for willful failure to keep specified admissions and amusement tax records; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, §§ 13-1001(a), 13-1003(a), 13-1005(a), and 13-1008(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 385 Delegate S. Robinson, et al****CHESAPEAKE CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM – EXTENSION**

Repealing the limitations on the requirement to provide specified funding in specified fiscal years to the Chesapeake Conservation Corps Program for specified purposes from the Environmental Trust Fund; and requiring specified funding for the Corps Program each fiscal year.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

NR, §§ 3-302(d) and 8-1921 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 386 Delegate Barve, et al****INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES – CREDIT AMOUNTS AND SMALL BUSINESS REFUND**

Defining “small business” as it relates to a refund in connection with a credit against the State income tax for research and development expenses incurred by an individual or corporation; altering the amount of research and development credits that the Department of Business and Economic Development may approve in a calendar year; providing that specified unused credits may be claimed as a refund; and applying the Act to Maryland research and development tax credits certified after December 15, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2013

TG, § 10-721 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 387 Delegate Bates****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRUTH IN PENSION ACCOUNTING ACT**

Requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt a specified assumed rate of investment return in its adoption of specified actuarial assumptions for the State Retirement and Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SP, § 21-125 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 388 Delegate Gilchrist, et al****MARYLAND CONDOMINIUM ACT – CLOSED MEETINGS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Altering the purposes for which a meeting of the board of directors of a condominium council of unit owners may be held in closed session.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

RP, § 11-109.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

**HB 389 Delegates Hogan and Beidle****LEAD SAFE INCOME TAX CREDIT**

Allowing an individual or a corporation to claim a credit against the State income tax for costs incurred for an approved lead hazard reduction project for qualifying property; providing for the calculation of the credit; providing for the submission of proposals for lead hazard reduction projects to the Department of Housing and Community Development for approval; limiting to \$1,000,000 the total amount of credits that the Department may approve for any fiscal year; applying the Act to tax years beginning after December 31, 2012; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

TG, § 10-733 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 390 Delegates Griffith and James****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Adding a trustee to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to represent the interests of county governments; establishing the qualifications of the trustee; and requiring that the Governor appoint the trustee, who may be from a list submitted by the Maryland Association of Counties.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013

SP, § 21-104 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 391 Delegate Krebs, et al****STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – BONA FIDE WELLNESS PROGRAM AND WELLNESS PROMOTION**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, to develop and implement a bona fide wellness program for inclusion in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program; establishing requirements for the wellness program; authorizing the bona fide wellness program to include incentives for achieving health goals; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to report on implementation on or before January 1, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013

SP, § 2-503(b) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Health and Government Operations

**HB 392 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Insurance Administration, Maryland)****MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – PERSONAL INJURY PROTECTION COVERAGE – PROHIBITION ON PREMIUM INCREASE**

Prohibiting an insurer that issues a motor vehicle liability insurance policy that contains personal injury protection coverage from increasing the premium on the policy due to a claim or payment made under that coverage; defining “increase the premium” to include an increase in total premium for a policy due to a surcharge, retiering or other reclassification of the policy, or removal or reduction of a discount; altering a specified notice requirement; etc.

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IN, § 19-507 - amended

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**HB 393 Delegate Niemann****VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REFUSED, SUSPENDED, CANCELED, OR REVOKED – PENALTY**

Altering provisions relating to driving a motor vehicle while a license or privilege to drive issued by the State or any other state is refused, suspended, canceled, or revoked; providing that in a prosecution specified records are prima facie evidence of specified facts; altering penalties and a specified assessment of points for offenses relating to driving a motor vehicle while a license or privilege to drive issued by the State or any other state is refused, suspended, canceled, or revoked; etc.

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TR, Various Sections - amended, § 27-101(ff) - added, and § 16-402(a)(31) - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED JANUARY 24, 2013****HB 210 The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)****STATE BOARD OF FORESTERS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Foresters in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a specified date the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; and requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a specified date.

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BOP, § 7-602 and SG, § 8-403(b)(24) - amended

Reassigned to: Economic Matters